THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under Sections 113 and 114 of the Motor Vehicles Act, the State Governments are required and empowered to take measures to curb the menace of overloading. This Ministry has repeatedly written to all State/U.T. Governments for strict enforcement of provisions of the Act and also to stop issuance of special passes/tokens that have the effect of facilitating overloading.

Road projects in Rajasthan

1073. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects of road widening, maintenance, beautification, etc. that were approved by the Centre and the number of the projects completed during the year 2002-2003 in Rajasthan;

(b) the funds allocated to the State Government for the same;

(c) the funds transferred to the State so far and the funds utilized till date; and

(d) the number of projects that are still pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) During 2002-03 following works were approved:

Sl. No.	Description	No. of works	Sanction cost (Rs. in Crores)
1.	Widening/Construction works	27	55.70
2.	IRQPworks	14	34.90
3.	Culverts/Bridges and Feasibility Study	12	3.44
	TOTAL:	53	94.04

52 Nos. of works were completed during 2002-03, includes works in progress of previous years.

(b) During 2002-03 Rs. 91.20 crores were allotted for improvement of works and Rs. 33.86 crores for maintenance of National Highways in Rajasthan.

(c) During the last three years the allocation made by the Ministry and expenditure incurred by the State is as below:

Description	2000-2001 (Rs. in Crores)		2001-02 (Rs. in Crores)		2002-03 (Rs. in Crores)		2003-04 (Rs. in Crores)	
	Allo-cation	Expr.	Allo-cation	Expr.	Allo-cation	Expr.	Allo-cation	Expr.
NH(O)	90.23	85.45	83.50	82.67	91.20	91.20	93.00	27.00
M&R	34.12	34.12	44.88	40.59	33.86	29.68	35.58	5.80

(d) 26 project estimates are under examination.

Development of Highways in Himachal Pradesh

1074. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to develop the State Highways of Himachal Pradesh as National Highways on the lines of North-Eastern State;

(b) the Highways which are proposed to be developed as National Highways during the financial year 2004-05; and

(c) the amount Government propose to sanction during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) There is no proposal for declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of trie question was received in Hindi.